

The Dodge County Land and Water Conservation Committee met on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 8:15 A.M., in the First Floor Conference Rooms, Room 1H & 1I, Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Bischoff at 8:15 a.m.

Members present: Larry Bischoff, Allen Behl, Lisa Derr, William Foley, Dale Macheel and James Qualmann.

Member(s) absent: Naomi Kriewald.

Other staff and non-committee members included County Conservationist John Bohonek, Matt Peplinski with FSA, Chad Buelter, Shane Kaemmerer, County Administrator James Mielke and LWCD Administrative Secretary Becky Justmann.

No public comment.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by Lisa Derr to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes with the following correction. Under Fox Lake report it should read: They are considering having Tracy Zemlo handle the information instead of hiring a crop consultant. Motion carried.

Other Agency Monthly Updates

- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
No representative present
- Farm Service Agency (FSA) Matt Peplinski
The enrollment date for the ARP/PLC program is March 15, 2021. The general signup for CRP is ongoing. Questions from the LWCC.

Rock River Water Level History Presentation-Uriah Monday

- Uriah Monday gave the presentation via zoom. Uriah is a Water Management Engineer with the WI DNR. Also included in the presentation was Mark Aquino. The presentation was an update on the Rock River flooding within Dodge County with a focus on the area between the dams in Horicon and Watertown. Uriah went over four flooding consideration challenges. 1) This stretch of the Rock River is very flat, 2) increasing precipitation trends, 3) increased development of more impervious surfaces and 4) increase in drained lands. He went over the profile of the Rock River and spoke about the Horicon, Hustisford and upper Watertown Dams. Question for Uriah and Mark from those in attendance. John thanked Uriah and Mark for taking the time to do the presentation.

Animal Waste Storage Ordinance Appeals/Variance Process

- John reviewed with the committee the discussion from the January meeting regarding the variance request. He reviewed with the LWCC the Manure Storage Ordinance and what the property owner will need to do to appeal. John has been in contact with the

property owner to discuss his options. Property owner has until September 2021 to abandon the structure if he chooses to. There is cost sharing available if the property owner chooses to do that. John will be making contact with the property owner.

Farmland Preservation Certification updates/requirements

- No new information

Healthy Soil Healthy Water Expo

- Expo was held on February 10, 2021. You could either attend in person or online. Eighty seven (87) were in attendance with fifty three (53) online attendees.

2020 SWRM Grant Application and Annual Work Plan to DATCP

- John reviewed with the LWCC the grant application. It is a staffing grant and he is applying for 2022. The deadline for the application is April 15, 2021. There was discussion and questions from the committee.

TRM Grant

- In the process of writing grant for Sinissippi and Wild Cat. Small scale grant from last has been approved.

WLWCA Annual Conference

- John has everyone that was interested registered.

Poster/Speaking Contest

- We received three poster entries. Those three poster went on to the Southern Area contest. The posters took a 1st, 2nd and a 3rd place. The 1st place poster will move on to the State contest.

Well Testing Program Update

- There is a meeting scheduled for March 2, 2021 to go over the results. All property owners that participated in the program to have their wells tested will receive notice of the meeting. The meeting will be recorded and will be posted on the County website.

Tree Sale Update

- All trees and shrubs have sold out.

Committee Member Reports

Lake Sinissippi-Shane Kaemmerer

- Continuing to work on strategic planning and their adaptive management plan.

Beaver Dam Lake-William Foley

- They did not meet last month. They have had a meeting with the DNR to discuss rough fish removal. No rough fish removal has been done for the last two years and it is looking like there will not be any removal this year. They have another meeting with the DNR to discuss Walleye. Marshfield soil lab is closing. Soil testing will be sent to the State Hygiene lab. Lake District is planning their annual meeting for this summer. They received an anonymous letter and a donation from someone who is not a Lake property owner thanking them for the work they are doing.

Fox Lake District-Dale Macheel

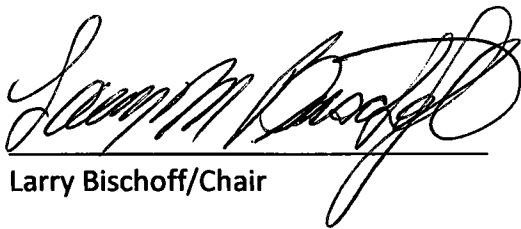
- They had a meeting on February 11, 2021. There was a discussion at the meeting regarding the Lake District members attending the waste water committee meeting. Lake management update is ongoing. They have been discussing Fox Lake's cover crop program. During water week Fox Lake was asked to put together a presentation. On March 11th at 1:45 pm Dale Macheel and Tracy Zemlo will be doing the presentation. Next meeting will be March 11, 2021.

Motion by Allen Behl and seconded by James Qualmann to approve the per diems. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be on March 22, 2021 at 8:15 am.

Motion by James Qualmann and seconded by Allen Behl to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.



Larry Bischoff/Chair



Lisa Derr/Secretary